

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Quarries- Mining Zone – Enhancement of Reservation of 20% mining area from the existing 10% in all the mining zones in favour of Vadderas/Vaddera Cooperative Societies/Vaddera Sangham - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (MINES.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 145

Dated:18-11-2013

Read the Following:-

- 1) G.O.Rt.No.89, Industries & Commerce (M.II) Department, Dated:22.03.2006.
- 2) From the VC & MD, A.P. Backward Classes Cooperative Finance Corp Ltd., Hyderabad, letter No.39/APVCSF/2009, dated: 17.03.2010.
- 3) Representation received from Sri Vemula Venkatesh, President, A.P.Vaddera Sangham Hyderabad, dtd:21.04.2010 & 14.06.2010 through the CMP No.5825/GEN/2010, dt:12.04.2010 & No.7230/GEN/2010, dated:26.04.2010.
- 4) From the Prl. Secretary to Govt., B.C.Welfare Dept., D.O.Letter No.977/B1/2010-3,dated:16.06.2011.
- 5) Government Memo.No.4120/M.I(2)/2010, dated:26.04.2010.
- 6) From DMG Letter No.5733/R7-1/2008, dated:30.04.2010.
- 7) Government Memo.No.4120/M.II(1)/2010-2 & 3, dt:01.07.2010.
- 8) From Director of Mines & Geology Letter No.5738/P1/2008, dated:24.07.2010.
- 9) Government Memo.No.4120/M.II(1)/2010-4, dated:17.09.2010.
- 10) From Director of Mines & Geology Letter No.5738/P1/2008, dated:10.06.2011.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders were issued declaring the area over an extent of 670.29 acres in Sy.No.268 of Bandaraviryala Village, Hayathnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District as 'Mining Zone' and allocated the area to M/s. Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited. In the said G.O. the Government introduced a provision of reserving 10% of the total area in favour of Vaddera Societies in the interest of their welfare.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has convened a meeting on 21.04.2010 with the Andhra Pradesh Vaddera Cooperative Societies Federations Limited, Hyderabad on certain issues, and decided to allocate 20% of mining area from the existing 10% in Mining Zones in twin cities and also in other districts. It was also decided that the Department to give priority to the individuals and the societies of Vaddera Community based on their capacity, while allocating Mining area in identified zones around twin cities and also in the other districts of the State. In the reference 4th read above, the Principal Secretary to Government, Backward Class Welfare Department requested to issue suitable orders as per the above decisions.

3. Accordingly in the reference 5th read above, the Director of Mines & Geology was requested to furnish the proposals on the said minutes with justification to take further necessary action.

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4. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad in the reference 10th read above, stated that the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.89, Industries & Commerce (M.II) Department, dated:22-03-2006 issued a notification declaring an area over an extent of Ac.670.29 Guntas in Sy.No.268 of Bandaraviryal Village, Hayathnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District as Mining Zone. In the said G.O. the Government introduced a provision reserving 10% of the total area in favour of Vaddera Societies in the interest of their welfare and also submitted that, as per the said minutes of the meeting held on 21-04-2010 "on the concessions/benefits to the Vadderas/Vaddera Cooperative Societies", it was agreed to allocate 20% of Mining area instead of the existing 10%; in the Mining Zones in Twin Cities and also in other Districts in favour of Vadderas/Vaddera Cooperative Societies by giving priority to the individual Vadderas and also the Societies of Vaddera Community based on their capacity and genuineness.

5. The Director of Mines & Geology, also stated that, identification and creation of Mining Zones for Road Metal and later allotting the area to a developer, which are being allotted to M/s. Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited. Therefore, while granting/allotting the area in Mining Zones to Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited a condition may be stipulated that 20% of the total area shall be exclusively reserved for Vaddera community. The reservation of area in favour of Vadderas and Vaddera Cooperative Societies is purely an administrative decision. Therefore, it does not require any Amendment of Rule 12 of Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966. The allotment of area in the Mining Zones to different persons shall be governed by Rule 12(3) of Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966. Thus, the preferential rights as per Rule 12(3) of Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 to Vadderas/ Vaddera Cooperative Societies will not get affected in allotment of Quarry Leases for minor minerals under Sl.No.1-3(a) of schedule I to Rule 10. Therefore under Rule 12(3) of Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966, the Vadderas/Vaddera Cooperative Societies can obtain extent of quarry lease basing on the capacity of the Societies, and their genuineness.

6. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad further stated that, however by this procedure or by allotment through a developer (M/s. Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited,) proper care has to be taken by obtaining the information on the antecedents of the Vaddera Cooperative Societies such as area of operation and whether the list of society members and whether they have enrolled in other societies, financial capability, capacity and functioning from the concerned Registrar of the Cooperative Societies to avoid misuse of the concessions. Moreover, it has to be ensured that the caste certificates/social status certificate of the individual Vadderas/members of the Vaddera Cooperative Societies have to be insisted upon from the Tahsildar concerned before granting a Quarry Lease. Regarding justification in considering 20% area for quarrying in Mining Zone, instead of the existing 10% of the area, the Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad has stated that the reservation of 20% of the area in favour of Vadderas/Vaddera Cooperative Societies fulfills the social commitment of Government in favour of Socio-economically downtrodden section of this community people. The provision of reservation safeguards the interests of traditional stone cutters/ Vadderas/Vaddera Society to earn their livelihood and for betterment of the said community.

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7. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad requested the Government to issue necessary instructions/orders reserving an area of 20% of total area of Mining Zone as represented by Andhra Pradesh Vaddera Sangham and as agreed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the meeting held on 21-04-2010, subject to satisfying the antecedents of the societies.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby accept the request of Andhra Pradesh Vaddera Sangham to allocate 20% of mining area from the existing 10%; in the identified mining zones in twin cities and also in other districts in favour of Vadderas/Vaddera Cooperative Societies subject to satisfying the antecedents of the societies, as discussed in para-6 above and subject to maintaining proper accounts by the said societies. The societies shall also maintain bank Accounts separately in respect of each mining zone and their transaction with their members shall be made from this account to ensure transparency and to avoid legal problems, and submit the same to the Authorities concerned at least once in 6 months under copy to Assistant Director of Mines & Geology/Deputy Director of Mines & Geology concerned for the purpose of record. This enhancement of allocation upto 20% is in the interest of tradition stone cutters/Vadderas/Vaddera Sanghams to earn their livelihood for betterment of their community.

9. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SABYASACHI GHOSH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
The Director of Mines and Geology, Hyderabad.

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Khairtabad, Hyderabad.

All the Deputy Directors of Mines and Geology/Assistant Directors of Mines and Geology in the State through the Director of Mines&Geology, Hyderabad.

PS to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Mines & Geology.

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